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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was no better than fair and competitively priced to aid movement. Supplies were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, wings were good balanced to tight and well cleared. Other items were more than sufficient for generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable to heavy.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/10-01/15/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
(Includes branded product)					
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Bos/New Eng	47.50-50.00	49.72	18	53.61	27
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.69	48	50.45	81
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.97	31
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.25	12
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	63.19	25
Detroit	46.00-49.00	50.64	11	52.46	41
Los Angeles	64.00	63.18	58	60.74	140
New York	44.00-53.00	49.93	43	56.32	84
Philadelphia	45.00-51.00	45.73	11	49.95	29
Pittsburgh	49.00-49.50	49.60	10	55.63	60
St. Louis	47.00-47.25	47.07	19	49.97	43
San Francisco	64.50	63.81	29	64.16	84

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/10/00	Change/Last Wk	01/03/00	01/11/99
657	56.51	-1.55	58.06	59.68

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	54.00-56.00	55.31	40
Central	50.00-56.00	53.56	57
West	47.00-65.50	59.01	52

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.96	81
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**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,154	45.00-61.00	57.08

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	4,119
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	2,100
THIGH MEAT - B/S	72.50	616
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,850
WINGS	78.50	3,034

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole fryers was slow. Offerings were generally ample and being sold at heavy discounts. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light and optimism was practically nonexistent. The market tone was weak. In the parts market, supplies were more than adequate for immediate needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were fully sufficient and competitively priced stimulate buyer interest. Food service was fair to moderate. In the parts structure, wings were close balance to tight. All other items were at least adequate and readily available for the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights desirable to heavy.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority prices were unchanged. Trading on whole-body product at generally unchanged prices with WOGs unchanged to sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Offerings were ample for current trade needs. Sharp discounts reported for surplus product. Demand by stores improved for California grown product where features were planned otherwise light. Demand by restaurants fairly good overall best by fast food. Dealers reported overall satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down 6.08 from last Monday, at 48.18, with the reported volume at 26 loads up 8 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices for this week's trading were lower into all areas, except Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate to heavy for the limited and selective buyer interest. All areas noted retail and food service movement as generally slow, instances fair to good. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights desirable. Parts trading was fair to fairly good on wings, balance of parts trading very light to moderate. Supplies were at least adequate on all items. Trade sentiment was fully steady on wings, balance barely steady at best.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were ample. Live supplies remained at least moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy for today and some operations that were planned for the past Saturday were either cancelled or reduced. Less than trucklot asking prices were 2 cents lower at 50 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was both cautious and no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in and boneless skinless breasts were less freely offered, but remained ample. Leg quarters were in decent balance. Wings were adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	51-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.38
NO. OF BOXES	10,853

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity showed some signs of improvement as the week began, however, most dealers remained cautious. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was fair at best. Many ads featured boneless, skinless breasts to stimulate buyer interest. The market tone was steady at best.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	125.98	469,200
TENDERLOINS	125	124.29	87,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	58.01	192,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	50.60	240,520
LEGS	26-27	31.28	265,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.83	371,998
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.72	80,550
THIGHS	21-22	26.36	110,840
B/S THIGHS	70-71	75.26	24,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	75-76	82.86	208,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	47,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.75	57,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.86	70,920

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	631	112.00-168.00	125	128.49
TENDERLOINS	141	125.00-177.00	-	137.32
BREAST - WITH RIBS	440	50.00-54.00	54	53.64
FRONT HALVES	640	44.00-57.00	-	50.31
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	354	16.00-18.00	16-17	16.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,288	18.25-19.00	18.25	18.28
WINGS (WHOLE)	208	67.00-75.00	74-75	73.84
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/10	01/06	01/06	01/03	12/30
ALA	3,896	3,529	5.10	2,499	5.13
ARK	5,186	5,138	4.87	4,530	4.84
DELMARVA	2,400	2,413	5.10	2,453	5.15
KY-LA-TN	2,008	2,080	4.39	1,682	4.32
MISS	2,778	2,746	4.98	2,658	4.92
NC	2,623	2,551	5.80	2,484	5.72
TEXAS	2,222	2,223	4.72	2,223	4.74
TOTAL	21,113	20,680	5.00	18,529	4.99
MON	21,113(A)			18,529(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Jan 1999 is estimated to be 31,587,000 up 13.60 percent from a week ago and up 2.92 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 27,805,000, last year 30,691,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	520	112.00-164.00	125	127.15
TENDERLOINS	180	125.00-200.00	125-130	158.33
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	80	49.00-52.00	-	50.50
LEGS	46	27.00-34.00	27-28	27.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	259	15.75-19.00	15.75-16.5	16.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,061	17.50-21.00	20	19.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	86	75.00-78.00	-	76.60
WINGS (CUT)	506	85.00-95.00	90-92	89.86
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR JANUARY 10, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	32.00 - 35.50	33.34

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01/10-01/14/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 134.00	120.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 65.00	53.00 - 59.00
LEGS	29.00 - 36.00	29.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 25.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	30.00 - 32.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	71.00 - 80.00	75.00 - 78.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 32.50	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	86-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-162

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 07-JAN-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	20.00	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	20.00	17.00	

368,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.81	18.00-19.00	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.81	18.11		16.00

627,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.25-14.50	-	11.00-12.00	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.27		11.57	14.18

601,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	8.5-12	11.49

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 07-JAN-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-20.00	20.00	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.00	14.00	

183,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	17.00-19.00	10.00-13.00	12.00-14.75
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	18.00	11.43	13.03

1,674,800 pounds, this includes 326,400 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	25.00	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		25.00		

20,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.  
\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority price were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for reduced but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5	8-10	9.28

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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